

The Advent of Summer

...time was young, mankind has hailed the
...of summer with festivity and...

regarding it as suggestive to them of abundant sport and pleasure. The ancients observed the days of April and the first of May, by offering incense and fruits and flowers to the Goddesses.

history does not err, other and more objectionable practices were in vogue, and lust and lewdness flourished. Appropriate games were held to symbolize the return of vegetation and express the joy felt on the earth again clad in green. Milton, in *Paradise Lost*, thus describes the games of the angels:

the bright morning star, day's harbinger,
 comes dancing from the east, and leads with her
 the flowery May, who from her green lap throws
 the yellow cowslip and the green primrose.
 O, beautiful May, that dost inspire
 youth and mirth and fond desire.

lands and groves are of thy dressing,
land and dale doth boast thy blessing.
Long no people was the approach of the season
hailed with more delight than by our English
fathers. The May poles and May queens,

... on the green sward, and the other manifestations by which they expressed their enjoyment, are of history, which perhaps it would be well for in order to show the sharp contrast that existed between the way they regarded May and the manner

appears that the "merrie outlaw," Robin Hood largely in the games instituted in England of May. Maid Marion, the original Queen of was not, if we are informed aright, a maid at

leman—some say, the wife—of the outlaw; among the merry rogues under his command festivals originated. The dress of Maid Marian and all the Queen of the May after her, (until the time of Paris milliners and dressmakers,) was

coat, with white cuffs, the skirts of the robe
and red stomacher, with a yellow lace in cro-
A cowl of purple hung from the head, from un-
n of gold adorned with flowers, and in the
was placed a red pink, emblematic of summer.

ypole was simply a post, decked with garlands
, around which the villagers danced to the mu
r and reed.

in 1968 and 1969, take leave of your duty, and
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and I pray thee, nouser, pray,
tudent, says Hodge, and so says Madge,
For this is a holiday.
Every man did put his hat off to his lass,

very girl did curchy, curchy, curchy, to the ground,
gin, says Hall—aye, aye, says Moll,
We'll lead up "Packington's Pound,"
no, no, says Moll, and so says Doll,
We'll first have Seilinger's round.
very man began to foot it round about,

"You're out, says Dick—'Tis a lie, says Nick, 1
 the fiddler played it false;
 true, says Hugh, and so say Sue,
 and so says Limble Alice.
 "After then began to play the tune again,
 "Every girl did try it, try it, try it to the m.

ere these festivals confined to the young, & for if we are to believe an old Puritan p
d crones that scarce have tooth or eye,
ut crooked back and lamed thigh,
ust have a frisk and shake their heel

was an old superstition that those who washed their faces before sunrise and wash their faces with dew in the morning would be beautiful for the coming year. Accordingly it was the fashion for young men and

to go out in the woods before sunrise in groups and there to pluck the flowers and twigs and branches of sweet smelling trees to decorate their dwellings with the flowery spoil before the sun came to the East. But though these excursions were only pleasant if obnoxious ones to be halted

and a dreadful effect upon the morals of the African
young maidens, whose reputations suffered quite
as the flower beds. The nobility and gentry in
this amiable amusement, and an instance
of Henry the Eighth and Queen Katharine

ph May is considered an unlucky month for marriage; it is not for courtship; and a young lady to whom it was practiced a divination:—
 May-day fair I searched to find a snail

in a gooseberry bush a snail I found—
always snails near sweetest fruit abound.
I sized the vermin: home I quickly sped,
on the hearth the milk-white embers spread.
I crawled the snail; and if I right can spell,

may this wonderous omen lucky prove—
L is found in lubberkin and love.

ever recovered. In our days of prohibitory liquor laws, it is refreshing to look back on Charles L., when the following law was enacted October 18, 1833. King Charles

is good people's lawful recreation after the end of service, his good people be not disturbed, letted or purged from any lawful recreation, such as archery, either for men or women, archery for men vaulting, or any other such harmless recreation, or from having of May games, Whitsun ales, a

dances, and the setting up of Maypoles and sports therewith used, so as the same be had at convenient time, without impediment or neglect of service.

the execution of Charles, other and very difficult were placed on the statute book, and since the

ny customs have almost died out in England, so on the continent; there to this day may be seen the Maypole and its appurtenances of dancing. Dr. Clarke tells us that in Russia May is celebrated with great éclat. The townspeople adjourn

side and fountain, and beneath the trees upon
ward, sing and dance to the music of the Bala
manifest their joy by shoutings and tumultu
. The clapping of hands, the shrill notes of
a pipes, extravagant and even indecent dance

order of the day. In our own country, it must be confessed, May day is not forward to as anything but a season of recreation and amusement. At this time of the year a period of idleness seizes us; there is an extravagant delusion

that somebody else's lodgings are better than
and so, instead of dancing around Maypoles,
our homes into confusion, pay cartmen out-
prices for smashing our furniture, lose our temp-
all night on the floor, and indulge in all the p-

then every village did a May pole raise, and Whitson ales and May games did abound,

all the luscious yonkers in a rout,
 with merry lasses danced the sod about;
 when friendship to his banquets bled the guests,
 and poor men fared the better for their feasts,
 would do us Americans no harm if we paid
 men to holidays and festivals, as there is no dan-

With garlands fresh and gay,
With mirth and music sweet,
In such a season meet—

other days typical of any event fit to be commemo-
rated. As there is no holiday between New Year's
and the fourth of July, why would it not do to institute
a holiday to become the "season of fruits and flowers"?

U. S. District Court.
Before Hon. Judge Hall.
TRUE BILLS OF INDICTMENT.
APRIL 30.—The Grand Jury came into Court with

United States vs. Wm. Brown and others, for a
on board the ship Cynosure.
United States vs. Maurice O'Dell, for opening a
and embezzling the contents.
United States vs. Dennis Renault, for smuggling
United States vs. Robert Housden and another

It with a dangerous weapon, on board the Clara.

United States vs. Wm. Dumery and six others;
 by on board the ship Ontario.

The Grand Jury were then discharged, and the Court adjourned for the term.